GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3850
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2000
RETIRED BUREAUCRATS IN PRIVATE SECTOR
BHIM PRASAD DAHAL

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Govt. blocks retired babus` corporate trip` appearing in the `Indian Express` dated September 25,2000;

(b) if so, the facts reported therein;

(c) whether in new assignments these officers were closely associated with the Departments they worked for when they were in Government;

(d) if so, whether the Government have investigated the links of these officers with the firms they are joining;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the policy of the Government regarding allowing officers joining the private sector immediately after retirement?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS` WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e)&(f) : A statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3850 FOR ANSWER ON 13.12.2000.

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e)&(f) : The newspaper report refers to certain cases of retired Group A Central Services/IAS officers whose cases for permission for commercial employment were decided in accordance with the provisions of relevant rules which are published documents. According to the provisions contained in Rule 10 of the Central Civil Services(Pension) Rules, 1972, prior permission of the Government is required to be obtained by a Group A officer belonging to Central Civil Service for seeking commercial employment, which includes consultancy services, within two years of his retirement. Similarly, prior permission is also required to be obtained by the officers belonging to All India Services under Rule 26 of the All India Services(Death-cum-Retirement Benefits)Rules, 1958. As per the policy, the decision in the cases of the officers belonging to Central Civil Services below the level of Joint Secretary is taken by the Minister in charge. The cases of officers of the level of Joint Secretary and above but below the level of Secretary are decided by a Group of Ministers consisting of the Minister of State for Personnel and the Minister in charge. The decision on the cases of officers of the level of Secretary to the Government is taken by the Prime Minister. Accordingly, the requests of the retired Group A officers were considered and decided on merits on the basis of the provisions in the relevant rules/orders. While deciding on the requests, the factors mentioned in Rule 10(3) of the CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972 and the corresponding provisions in Rule 26 of the AIS(DCRB) Rules, 1958 are taken into account and all the possibilities of undue favour to the firms/compaines to be joined by him are examined. The existing provision of the rules and the instructions provide sufficient safeguards against a quid pro quo arrangement that may be struck between the pensioner and the private companies. However, if a retired officer joins the private company in violation of the rules, he can be denied by a Govt. order the whole or such part of the pension for such period as may be specified therein.